

Memorandum

To: L. Massaro
Commission Clerk

From: A. Contente
Utility Analyst, Division of Public Utilities & Carriers

Date: 12/12/2017

Re: Pascoag Utility District 2018 Demand Side Management Program: RIPUC Docket #4761

On November 7, 2017 Pascoag Utility District (“Pascoag”, or “Company”) filed with the Commission a proposed Demand Side Management Program budget for calendar year 2018. The 2018 proposed \$132,827 budget is comprised of \$113,932 from projected kWh sales and an estimated \$18,895 carryover from the 2017 budget year.

In accordance with R.I.G.L. § 39-2-1.2 (b), Pascoag proposed the 2018 budget based on the collections received through forecast total kilowatt-hour (kWh) sales multiplied by the 2.0 mill portion of the 2.3 mill charge last approved by the Commission in Docket 4663 in Open Meeting held on December 13, 2016, the 2017 Demand Side Management (DSM) filing submitted on November 4, 2016.

As again mentioned in the Executive Summary, the 2018 Residential Program will mirror the 2017 plan. The Program Administrator, Desarae Dolan, offered in her the Data Response RIPUC 1-12 that she was still fairly new as the DSM Coordinator and is expecting to receive her certification in Energy Management through the America Public Power Association. Specialized training such as that is something the Division certainly supports and as with any training, hopefully it will give better insights into the energy efficiency and energy management which are specialized and ever-evolving markets.

The Commercial and Industrial Programs vary as usual depending on the business opportunities in such a small geographic area with a limited number of businesses. Data responses RIPUC 1-10, 1-13, 1-17 and 1-18 show that the company has served no more than 11 Commercial/Industrial customers annually since 2013. The three largest line-items for 2018 are a lighting project for the Burrillville School Department, Public LED Streetlight upgrades and \$21,566 for yet to be identified projects. In 2017, funds set-aside in the latter identified line-item were used for two large lighting projects that were reported to save almost 76,000 kWh per year.

In Data Response RIPUC 1-1 the company submitted that the current \$0.002/kWh charge for all electric customers that results in a DSM budget of approximately \$150,000 annually is indeed satisfactory for the makeup of the Utility District as it currently exists.

The Division reviewed the filing, the Company’s data responses and had discussions with company representatives. The Division is satisfied with the submission and recommends the approval of Pascoag Utility District’s 2018 Demand Side Management Program budget as filed.

Cc: Macky McCleary, Administrator, RI Division of Public Utilities and Carriers
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